of GOI. Since the re-negotiated features of the project called for an amendment to the PPA, the Government of Maharashtra referred the amendments to the PPA for the consent of the GOI in terms of the GOI counter guarantee. Accordingly, amendment to the PPA was approved by the Government of India on'27.5.1996 without any changes in terms and conditions of the GOI counter guarantee. Due to change in Government at the Centre, the proposal was again considered by the new Government on 9.7.1996, which approved extension of GOI counter guarantee to the re-negotiated project without any changes in terms and conditions of the GOI counter guarantee.

(c) and (d) In the past few months, there have been disputes between the Dabhol Power Company (DPC) on the one hand and the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB)/GOM on the other in regard to obligations of respective parties arising out of the PPA and the guarantee issued by the GOM to cover the payment obligations to DPC by MSEB. DPC have issued arbitration notices to GOM and MSEB as well as two pre-termination notices to MSEB. MSEB have written to DPC on 23.5.2001 rescinding the PPA due to alleged misrepresentations by DPC in respect of capacity and capability of the Dabhol Power Station. Conciliation proceedings between the Government of India (GOI) and DPC in regard to obligations under the counter guarantee issued to the project by GOI, have also been initiated by DPC. Meanwhile, a Negotiating Committee has also been set up by the Government of Maharashtra to carry out discussions with DPC with a view to reducing the tariff as well as sale of power of the Dabhol Power Project. The GOI has appointed its nominee on the Negotiating Committee and is committed to help facilitate an amicable solution to the problems.

Decline to grant permission for ESCROW cover by Karnataka Government

† 1154. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have declined to grant permission for 'ESCROW cover' to Mangalore Power Company for the setting up of 1000 MW thermal power project along the Western Coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) and I.F.C. have declined to release funds for the said project without providing 'ESCROW cover' to it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka (GOK) have informed that in keeping with the recommendations of the High Level Committee constituted by them, it has been accepted by the State Government that no 'Escrow' facility is available to Independent Power Producers in the State. Therefore, GOK have conveyed that they will not be able to extend 'Escrow' facility to any of the IPPs including the 1013.2 MW Mangalore Power Project being implemented by M/s Mangalore Power Company.

(c) and (d) M/s Mangalore Power Company have informed that the Indian Financial Institutions including ICICI have expressed their inability to proceed with the financing of the project in the absence of an 'Escrow' or alternative bankable security mechanism.

Production Capacity of Power in the Country

1155. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total production capacity of power in the country, State-wise and power plant-wise;

(b) the demand and production of power in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the additional capacity required to meet the countr[r]y's demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The details of State-wise, power plants wise generation capacity are given in the statement (see below).

(c) The power supply position for the last three years is given as under:

Year	Energy Requirement (MUs)	Energy availability (MUs)	Peak Demand (MW)	Peak Met (MW)
1998-1999	446584	420235	67905	58445
1999-2000	480430	450594	72669	63691
2000-2001	507216	467400	78037	67880

(c) To meet the demand, as projected in 16th Electric Power Survey, up to the end of 11th Plan, the total capacity required to be added during 10th and 11th Plan, works out to 107000 MW approximately.